



Celebrating Immigrant Heritage, Contributions, and Diversity

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Dear Friends,

Each year, the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians seeks to highlight a sampling of the incredible and innumerable contributions of New Bostonians to the economic, civic, cultural and social life of our city. This year, we have enhanced and expanded this effort into what will be an extraordinary affirmation of Boston's rich diversity, on **October 10, 2006**, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, called **"We Are Boston: A Celebration of Boston's Immigrant Heritage, Contributions, and Diversity."** I sincerely hope that you will join us for this amazing occasion.

It is my great pleasure to announce that **United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy** will be the recipient of the 2006 New Bostonian Leadership Award in honor of his fearless and historic championing of immigration reform, and for his decades of distinguished legislative accomplishments in improving the lives of New Bostonians, old Bostonians, and all Americans, in more ways than I can relate.

In addition to thanking the Senator, we also look forward to recognizing four other kinds of leadership that abound in our community, and it is in that effort that I write asking your help. I would like to invite you to nominate your fellow community members in our four additional award categories:

- ✦ **Corporate Leadership Award** will recognize a corporation that has invested time, resources, and financial support to make diversity a core value of their organization both internally and in the city, and has made a positive economic and social impact on New Bostonians.
- ✦ **Community Leadership Award** will highlight an immigrant leader from Boston who has taken advocacy to a new level in energizing New Bostonian communities and has been innovative in addressing the most pressing needs within and on behalf of his or her community.
- ✦ **Individual Achievement Award** will single out an immigrant who has made significant achievements in his or her particular professional field, has provided leadership in his or her community, and has given of his or her personal talents and energies to catalyze positive change in Boston.
- ✦ **Youth Leadership Award** will pay tribute to a young person (under 21) who has already exhibited outstanding leadership skills in working with New Bostonian communities, who has been an inspiration to their peers, and who will remain committed to improving our city for years to come.

The nomination form is enclosed, and I hope you will take a few moments to help us find high-quality nominees, and to circulate this form among your colleagues. It will not be difficult to highlight successes, especially in a city with so many outstanding New Bostonians, but your contribution to our selection process will make it that much more rich, and the occasion that much more joyous.

I thank you in advance for your time, and look forward to seeing you at "We Are Boston" on October 10!

With Warm Regards,

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